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Recognizing The First Tee for its support of programs that provide young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honor, integrity, and sportsmanship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 10, 2003

Mrs. LINCOLN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Recognizing The First Tee for its support of programs that provide young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honor, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Whereas The First Tee, a youth character building organization, teaches young people positive values reinforced through the game of golf;

Whereas The First Tee is working to make the game of golf more affordable and accessible to young people across the country;

Whereas The First Tee is implemented through a partnership of parents, civic and corporate leaders, State and local

governments, youth-serving agencies, schools, and the golfing community;

Whereas community-based programs such as The First Tee play an important role in educating youth in the positive values that build strong character;

Whereas, through the teachings of The First Tee Life Skills experience, young people learn the importance of maintaining a positive attitude, considering the consequences of their decisions, setting and achieving objectives, holding themselves to high standards, and applying to their everyday lives values such as responsibility, honesty, integrity, respect, confidence, and sportsmanship;

Whereas the strong values that The First Tee teaches to youth will positively impact their lives, their education, and their experiences in school;

Whereas the character traits youth learn in The First Tee Life Skills experience and Annual Life Skills and Leadership Academy complement the character education programs found in many schools;

Whereas these lessons are taught through a variety of golf-related exercises designed to enhance fundamental golf skills while promoting strong character;

Whereas these lessons will remain with participants for a lifetime, regardless of whether they play golf professionally or as a hobby; and

Whereas The First Tee has established and incorporated 9 core values that reflect the principles of character education, namely: confidence, courtesy, honesty, integrity, judgment, perseverance, respect, responsibility, and sportsmanship: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes The First Tee
2 for its support of programs that provide young people of
3 all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf
4 and character education, life-enhancing values such as
5 honor, integrity, and sportsmanship.

